

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 338. Resolution stating that the House has learned with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Carl B. Albert, former Member of the House of Representatives for the Ninety-second, Ninety-third, and Ninety-fourth Congresses.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2130. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to direct the emergency scheduling of gamma hydroxybutyric acid, to provide for a national awareness campaign, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7445. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of all expenditures during the period April 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7446. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Insurance; Right of First Refusal Permitted for Condominium Associations" (RIN2502-AG93) (FR-4267-F-02), received February 8, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7447. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "10 BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes-December 1999" (Rev. Rul. 2000-10), received February 8, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7448. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas" (Docket # 99-042-2), received February 8, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7449. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans State: Approval of Kentucky State Implementation Plan" (FRL # 6533-2), received February 8, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7450. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Extending Operating Permits Program Interim Approval Expiration Dates" (FRL # 6535-2), received February 8, 2000; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7451. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations", received February 8, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7452. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Utilization of Small, Minority, and Women's Business Enterprises Under Assistance Agreements", received February 8, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7453. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Availability Compliance Measurement Cooperative Agreements", received February 8, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7454. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Final Enforcement Response Policy for Sections 304, 311, and 312 of EPCRA, and Section 103 of CERCLA"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7455. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2000 Storm Water Enforcement Strategy Update"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7456. A communication from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Determination of Endangered Status for 'Sidalcea keckii' (Keck's checker-mallow) from Fresno and Tulare Counties, CA" (RIN1018-AE30), received February 8, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7457. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Limited Request for Pre-Proposals; Pilot Projects on Improved Drinking Water Management and Source Protection in Honduras"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7458. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Chelsea River, MA (CGD01-00-0001)" (RIN2115-AE47) (2000-0009), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7459. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Reserved Channel, MA (CGD01-00-003)" (RIN2115-AE47) (2000-0010), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7460. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Frequency of Inspection (USCG-1999-4976)" (RIN2115-AF73) (2000-0001), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7461. A communication from the Chief, International and General Law, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Waivers of the Coastwise Trade Laws for Eligible Vessels" (RIN2133-AB39), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7462. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim: Red Snapper Management Measures; Reef Fish of the Gulf of Mexico, Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic" (RIN0648-AN41), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7463. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park (2-3/2-3)" (RIN2120-AG97), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7464. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (2-7/2-3)" (RIN2120-AG82), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7465. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (40); Amdt. No. 1960" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0056), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7466. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (30); Amdt. No. 1970 (2-2/2-3)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0004), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7467. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (84); Amdt. No. 1971 (2-2/2-3)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0006), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7468. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (96); Amdt. No. 1972 (2-2/2-3)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0005), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7469. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Monticello, IA; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 00-ACE-5 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0021), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7470. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Creston, IA; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 00-ACE-1 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0022), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7471. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Remove Class D and Class E Airspace; Kansas City, Richards-Gebaur Airport, MO; Docket No. 00-ACE-4 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0023), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7472. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Ord, NE; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 00-ACE-2 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0024), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7473. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Actions Amendment to Class E Airspace; Grand Island, NE; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-56 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0026), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7474. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; O'Neill, NE; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-CE-55 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0027), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7475. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Burlington, VT; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ANE-94 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0028), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7476. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Burlington, VT; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ANE-93 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0029), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7477. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Marquette, MI; Docket No. 99-AGL-42 (2-2-2-3)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0020), received Feb-

ruary 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7478. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Garrison, ND; Docket No. 99-AGL-51 (2-2-2-3)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0019), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7479. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification to Class E Airspace; Bemidji, MN; Docket No. 99-AGL-5 (2-2-2-3)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0018), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7480. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Steubenville, OH; Docket No. 99-AGL-52 (2-2-2-3)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0017), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7481. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Cooperstown, ND; Docket No. 99-AGL-5 (2-2-2-3)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0016), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7482. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Norfolk, NE; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ACE-45 (12-29/12-30)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0412), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7483. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, and -200 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-88 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0057), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7484. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-41" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0058), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7485. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400 Series Airplanes Equipped with GE CF6-80C2 Series Engines; Docket No. 98-NM-252 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0059), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7486. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 97-NM-323" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0067), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7487. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra-

tion, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-100 Series Airplanes Equipped with GE Model CF6-80C2 Series Engines; Docket No. 98-NM-231" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0066), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7488. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 97-NM-133 (2-3-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0068), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7489. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-282 (2-1-2-3)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0055), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7490. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A300-600, and A310 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-23 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0060), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7491. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 2000-NM-16 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0061), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7492. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-254 (2-7-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0062), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7493. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300-600 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-247 (2-4-2-7)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0069), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7494. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9, DC-9-80, and C-9 Series Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-381 (2-3-2-3)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0063), received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7495. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model MD-11 Series Airplanes; Correction; Docket No. 99-NM-262 (2-2-2-3)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0050), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF
COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SMITH (of New Hampshire) for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship & Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002.

W. Michael McCabe, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1794. A bill to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse."

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. KYL, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 2042. A bill to reform the process by which the Office of the Pardon Attorney investigates and reviews potential exercises of executive clemency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2043. A bill to designate the United States Post Office building located at 3101 West Sunflower Avenue in Santa Ana, California, as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2044. A bill to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for domestic violence programs through the voluntary purchase of specially issued postage stamps; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MACK, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GORTON, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SMITH OF OREGON, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2045. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B nonimmigrant aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 2046. A bill to reauthorize the Next Generation Internet Act, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REED, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2047. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to create a Heating Oil Reserve to be available for use when fuel oil prices in the United States rise sharply because of anti-competitive activity, during a fuel oil shortage, or during periods of extreme winter weather; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 2048. A bill to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2049. A bill to extend the authorization for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 2050. A bill to establish a panel to investigate illegal gambling on college sports and to recommend effective countermeasures to combat this serious national problem; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. Res. 255. A resolution recognizing and honoring Bob Collins, and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. KYL, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 2042. A bill to reform the process by which the Office of the Pardon Attorney investigates and reviews potential exercises of executive clemency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE PARDON ATTORNEY REFORM AND INTEGRITY
ACT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill that will help restore public confidence in the Department of Justice by reforming the way that the Office of Pardon Attorney investigates candidates for executive clemency. This bill, the Hatch-Nickles-Abraham Pardon Attorney Reform and Integrity Act, which is co-sponsored by Senators LOTT, THURMOND, KYL, ASHCROFT, SESSIONS, SMITH of New Hampshire, and COVERDELL, addresses the problems that led to the widespread public outrage at the Department of Justice's role in President Clinton's decision last September to release 11 Puerto Rican nationalist terrorists from prison.

The beneficiaries of President Clinton's grant of clemency were convicted

terrorists who belong to violent Puerto Rican independence groups called the FALN and Los Macheteros. They were in prison for a seditious conspiracy that included the planting of over 130 bombs in public places in the United States, including shopping malls and restaurants. That bombing spree—which killed several people, injured many others and caused vast property damage—remains the most prolific terrorist campaign within our borders in United States history.

The Judiciary Committee has thoroughly investigated the facts and circumstances surrounding the decision to release those terrorists from prison. We read thousands of documents produced by the Department of Justice and the White House. We interviewed law enforcement officials knowledgeable about the FALN and Los Macheteros organizations. We spoke to victims, and we held two hearings on the many issues raised by the grant of clemency. Our investigation has led me to a very troubling conclusion: the Justice Department ignored its own rules for handling clemency matters, exercised very poor judgment in ignoring the opinions of law enforcement and victims, and sacrificed its integrity by bowing to political pressure to modify its original recommendation against clemency.

I do not come to this conclusion lightly. I base it on an examination of the facts. The facts show that the clemency recipients were never asked for information relevant to open investigations or the apprehension of fugitives—despite the fact that one of their co-defendants, Victor Gerena, is on the FBI's "ten most wanted" list. Many of the killings associated with the FALN bombings, including the infamous Fraunces Tavern bombing, remain unsolved. The failure to ask for such information from the clemency recipients, several of whom held leadership positions in the FALN, means that the rest of the perpetrators of those crimes may never be brought to justice. My legislation will require the Justice Department to notify law enforcement of pending clemency requests, and to assess whether a proposed clemency recipient could have information on open investigations and fugitives.

Our investigation also revealed that the White House and the Justice Department ignored the many victims of FALN crimes, even while senior officials were holding numerous meetings with the terrorists' advocates for clemency. While top government officials actually gave strategic advice to the terrorists, no one lifted a finger to find, interview, or even notify the victims about the pending clemency request. My legislation would help ensure that the Justice Department remembers who it is supposed to be working for by requiring it to notify and seek input from victims.

Finally, a disturbing connection has come to light between the FALN, Los Macheteros and the Cuban government.